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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 12, 2005, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expires on March 12, 2006, amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.